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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask the hon. Minister what is the percentage of proposals that were turned down by His Excellency?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"These proposals are confidential and divulging any further information will mean breaking confidence."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether all proposals relating to appointments are deemed confidential or only such proposals as relate to the personnel?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Proposals relating to appointments are confidential and should not be divulged."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Are all the proposals relating to appointments confidential?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, that is what it means."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know in how many cases the hon. Minister differed from the recommendation of the Surgeon-General and in how many such cases the Governor made appointments against the Minister's recommendation?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"As I have already stated nothing can be divulged."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"I suppose the Surgeon-General's recommendations are submitted to His Excellency through the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"In how many cases, was the recommendation of the Surgeon-General agreed to by the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I can only say that any further information as regards this is confidential."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know whether when His Excellency makes the appointment, he consults the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I think even the exact procedure followed in making the appointments is also confidential."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask whether the information that appointments are made in consultation with the Minister is confidential or whether appointments are made independently of the Minister is confidential."

Mr. S. N. DORAI RAJA:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether the Surgeon-General has any opportunity of making appointments?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question does not arise."

Honorary appointments in the Mangalore Headquarters hospital.

*1765 Q.—Mr. N. SRINIVASA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of medical men recommended by the District Medical Officer, Mangalore, to hold honorary appointments in the Headquarters Hospital, Mangalore;

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(b) how many were actually appointed and how many were rejected ;
(c) the reasons for the rejection of the applications ; and
(d) whether the Government took into consideration the need of a Medical Officer, specialized in eye-diseases for the headquarters hospital when the above recommended applications were considered ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The recommendations made by the District Medical Officer are confidential. Two were appointed.

(d) In making honorary appointments, the Government took into consideration the qualifications of the applicants and the need for their services in the hospitals.

MR. N. SRINIVASA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. Minister, how many were recommended by the District Medical Officer ? "

The hon. MR. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The recommendations made by the District Medical Officer are confidential."

MR. N. SRINIVASA RAO :—" May I know how many have actually applied for these posts ? "

The hon. MR. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It is not desirable to divulge the information."

MR. N. SRINIVASA RAO :—" As regards clause (d), may I know whether an eye-specialist was recommended by the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, and if so, why he was not appointed ? "

The hon. MR. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Notice, Sir. I do not remember all the recommendations that were made."

Diet scales in Government hospitals in Madras.

* 1766 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have scrutinized the diet scales introduced into the several Government hospitals in Madras and whether they have found them adequate according to the needs of the patients ;

(b) what differences exist between the scales of diets and the methods of preparing them in regard to Indians and Europeans ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian wards in any of the hospitals are usually over-crowded, while European wards are practically empty ;

(d) what are the various agencies adopted in the several hospitals for accurate receipt of raw rations, from day to day, for supervision of the cooking in the kitchen and diet and distribution thereof without leakage and adulteration and waste, and for checking in the linen department ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce or contemplate introducing an uniform system so as to ensure efficiency and economy in the expenditure of money on the kitchen, diet and linen departments and at the same time satisfy the patients ?

A.—(a) The diet scales in force were prepared by an expert committee of medical officers appointed by the Government for the purpose. The scales are reported to be adequate.

(b) A statement ^a showing the different scales of diet is laid on the table.

^a Printed as Appendix V on pages 940-941 infra.

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- (c) The Government are not aware of the fact.
- (d) As regards the arrangements made in the kitchen and diet departments, the hon. Member is referred to the answer given to his question No. 1652 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st March 1928.

In regard to the linen department, regular accounts are maintained in prescribed books and forms showing the receipts and issues of linen in all departments of the hospitals. The accounts are verified once a quarter by the Superintendents of the hospitals or under their orders by other responsible officers. They are also audited by the staff of the Accountant-General's office.

- (e) Following the arrangement made in the Rayapuram Hospital, the Government propose to appoint two nuns in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital for the immediate supervision of the kitchen and diet departments. They have no other proposal under consideration.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“The answer given to clause (c) is that the Government are not aware of the fact. May I ask whether Government have made enquiries on the subject?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“There are about 200 hospitals in the Presidency and to get detailed information from all of them will take a long time.”

Location of a Gosha hospital at Ellore.

* 1767 Q.—Mr. M. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of Gosha hospitals in the West Godavari district;
- (b) whether the Government have received mahazars from the people of Ellore taluk requesting the Government to take steps for the location of a Gosha hospital at Ellore, the headquarters of the district; and
- (c) if so, what is the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

A.—(a) None.

(b) & (c) No such mahazar has been received.

Establishment of a home for the treatment of mentally defective children.

* 1768 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the establishment of a home for the special treatment of mentally defective children was under the consideration of the Government in 1927 or 1928; and

(b) whether any provision has been made for it in the next budget?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

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Officers who draw pay in the scales fixed for Civil Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons and who do teaching work draw teaching allowances as follows:—

Indian Medical Service Officers.	Major Professors.	250 (added to pay).
Do.	Minor Professors.	200 (special pay).
Provincial Service.	Civil Surgeons ...	150 (do.).
Do.	Assistant Surgeons employed as Assistant Professors.	125 (including Presidency allowance of Rs. 50).

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state why the lecturer in Dental surgery has not been given that allowance?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I do not find anything in the question with reference to this officer."

Proposals of the Surgeon-General regarding appointments.

* 1764 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) in how many cases the proposals of the Surgeon-General regarding appointments have been turned down within the last 12 months; and
- (b) in how many of these cases he was given an opportunity to represent his case to His Excellency the Governor over the head of the hon. Minister?

A.—(a) Proposals relating to appointments are confidential and cannot be divulged.

(b) The Surgeon-General's recommendations are in all cases submitted to His Excellency the Governor.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU:—"My question was, in how many of these cases, he was given an opportunity to represent his case to His Excellency the Governor over the head of the Minister, but the answer states 'The Surgeon-General's recommendations are in all cases submitted to His Excellency the Governor'. May I say that my question is not answered? Will he answer it now, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The answer is that every case of recommendation when it comes, goes to the Governor and so, there is no question of going over the head of the Minister."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know whether none of the Surgeon-General's recommendation has ever been turned down during the last 12 months?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"As soon as the Surgeon-General sends his recommendation, it is at once submitted to His Excellency. To that extent, information could be divulged to hon. Members of this House."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know how the hon. Minister is deciding whether a particular case deserves grant or not ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ On the work it is doing and on the report of the activities of the dispensary I get.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know who gives the report ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ The Government have various sources of getting information.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know whether there is a condition attached that some persons at least should get admission though they may not pay for it, and whether otherwise these grants will be withheld ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ These grants are given only to deserving cases, and if on any account, Government think any institution does not deserve the grant, it will be withheld.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ May I know whether Government have any objection to give grants if dispensaries undertake to run free, and if their aims are legitimate ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That is a hypothetical question.”

Prevalence of smallpox in Madras City.

* 1770 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) when the present smallpox epidemic broke out in the Madras City ;

(b) the number of attacks and deaths that have taken place so far ;

(c) how many of these were children and adults respectively and whether the children had all been vaccinated and the adults revaccinated ; and

(d) whether the Government have got these statistics examined with a view to find out how far vaccination affords protection against smallpox ?

A.—(a) Early in January 1930.

(b) Attacks ... 351
Deaths ... 60

(from the 1st January 1930 to 20th March 1930).

(c) A statement ^a is annexed.

(d) No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Sir, it is stated here that the epidemic smallpox broke out early in January 1930. May I know whether the Minister is not aware that it has been in the city for the last ten months ? ”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ Government got the information on inquiry that it broke out early in January 1930, and they have nothing else to add.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ I find from the statistics supplied that there are a number of children who died of smallpox even though they are vaccinated. May I know whether those deaths were verified ? ”

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ These are the figures supplied by the returning officers on whom the responsibility lies. Government do not see anything to question their returns.”

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—“ Do Government realize the seriousness of the situation, in view of the fact that in spite of vaccination children fall a victim to smallpox? Does that not show that vaccination is not done properly?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ Government have no reason to think so. If the hon. Member thinks the Corporation is not doing it properly he may ask the Corporation to improve.”

Registration

Preparation of indexes to registered documents in the vernacular.

* 1771 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that indexes to documents registered are maintained in English in the District Registrars' offices and in vernacular in the Sub-Registrars' offices; and

(b) if so, the reasons for maintaining the former in English instead of in vernacular when they are really intended for the perusal of the public, the majority of the literates among whom know only the vernaculars?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A report has been called for from the Inspector-General of Registration.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—“ May I know whether the report has now been received?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ No, not yet.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Are not the documents registered in the offices of district registrars in the vernacular?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“ I believe it is so.”

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Inams

Resumption of artisan inams in West Godavari district.

1772 Q.—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the West Godavari district village artisan service inams are being resumed in the case of alienation;

(b) whether there are any proposals to bring any legislation regulating alienation in such cases; and

(c) whether the Government have issued or propose to issue any orders stopping resumption in such cases pending such legislation?

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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have no intention of bringing forward any legislation on the subject.

(c) The Collector of West Godavari has been instructed to hold resumptions of village artisan inams in abeyance pending the further orders of the Government.

Medical*Proceedings of the Conference of Medical officers.*

1773 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether a conference of District Medical Officers, civil surgeons and superintendents of city hospitals was convened by the Surgeon-General Major-General J. W. D. Megaw, I.M.S., last year and if so for what purpose;

(b) whether any such conference was held on any previous occasion by any other Surgeon-General;

(c) how many officers attended the conference and for how many days;

(d) whether travelling allowance was sanctioned for the officers attending the conference and what was the total cost of it;

(e) what were the several points raised for discussion at the conference and what were the conclusions arrived at and recommendations made;

(f) whether any proposals were made as to the lines on which increased efficiency and economy could be effected in the expenditure of the funds allotted without additional demand on public revenue; and

(g) if so, what were the proposals and what action has been taken and is proposed to be taken by the Surgeon-General and Government to give effect to these proposals.

A.—(a) Yes; the conference was held for the discussion of important questions connected with the development of the Medical department.

(b) No.

(c) Forty-two officers attended the conference which lasted for five days.

(d) Yes. The total expenditure on travelling allowance has not been reported to the Government.

(e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 975 at the meeting of the Council held on 17th October 1929.

(f) & (g) The conference did not make any concrete proposals. After the conference was over, Major-General Megaw drew up a note on the Madras Medical Department in which he indicated the lines on which increased efficiency could be effected in the department without additional demand on the public revenues. The note has been communicated to all heads of medical institutions for information and guidance. Proposals to carry out such of the suggestions and recommendations contained in the note as require the orders of the Government will be considered as and when they are received from the Surgeon-General.

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Motor Vehicles Act

Control and regulation of motor traffic in the mufassal.

* 1774 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government have decided to take any further steps for the control and regulation of motor traffic in the mufassal ; and
- (b) if so, what the measures proposed are ?

A.—(a) & (b) Questions relating to the control and regulation of motor traffic will be considered by the Committee appointed to revise the Motor Vehicles Rules.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ May I know whether any attempt is being made by the committee to regulate traffic ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ An expert committee in Bombay is considering the question. The Government of India also have been considering this question of making standard rules for the whole of India, and as soon as they have considered these, the committee will start work.”

Police

Alleged summoning of certain respectable Ulemas and Muslims by the Police.

* 1775 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that some Ulemas and other respectable Muslims of Triplicane and Royapetta were summoned by the Inspector of Police in connexion with the recent Ramzan incident ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Police have acted in this matter under instructions from the Government ;

(c) what is the criterion on the basis of which those particular Ulemas and leading men were selected ; and

(d) whether the Government are aware that the Inspector of Police sent them the summons orally through constables ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b), (c) & (d) Do not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know why the information asked for is not got, as the question is an important one and there is no difficulty to secure it in view of the fact that it took place in the City ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ The question is whether the Government are aware, and I say no ; and if the hon. Member wants the information I shall get it.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ Is it a fact that the incident took place as a result of the illegal order of the Government Kazi ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ It is not so. The order was perfectly legal.”

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ I want to know whether Government are aware that some Ulemas and respectable Muslims of Triplicane were summoned by the Inspector of Police in connexion with the Ramzan incident.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ Government are not aware of this ; but they are aware of the fact that the incident was caused mainly by the mischief of some interested people who have purposely created the disturbance.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ I say Government have information of this, that it was at their instance respectable Muslims and Ulemas were summoned by the Inspector of Police. I say, Sir, summonses were orally issued through constables.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ No, Sir.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that it was due to the order of the Kazi in this matter, which was purely illegal, that the incident took place and so many private persons were summoned by the police ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ The order of the Government Kazi was perfectly legal. The whole incident was due to the mischief of certain interested people who have purposely gone over there to create trouble.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know how did Government know that certain people came there to do mischief ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ That is my information. There is no question about it.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ Who are the people responsible for the mischief ? May I know their names ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ Notice.”

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—“ Is it not a fact that on that date the majority of the Muslim population did not observe Ramzan ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ With the exception of one or two mosques in about a dozen mosques prayers were offered in all the mosques in the City.”

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—“ Is it not due to the fact that the festival ought not to be observed on that date that the incident took place ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ The festival was rightly observed on the 2nd March.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know how the police got the names of the several persons whom they sent for as being responsible for the incident ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ The police evidently know their activities on that day.”

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ Has the hon. the Home Member satisfied himself that the police were right in summoning orally respectable Muslims ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ It has been answered that the Government have no information.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ Did the Home Member give the names ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The member has no right to put that question.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ May I know from where did the police get the information about these persons ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ What information ? ”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ The information that the persons summoned by the Inspector of Police were responsible for the incident.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ I shall call for the information.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“ But does that mean that Ulemas and respectable Muslims should be suspected, simply because they have not supported the Government Kazi, the hon. Home Member's nominee ? ”

HON. MEMBERS :—“ Order, order.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The question is not admissible.”

Forests

List of forest trees and produce utilized for industrial purposes.

* 1776 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a list of forest trees and forest produce that can be used for industrial purposes ; and

(ii) to state—

(a) whether such a list has been prepared and published and an exhibition made of such timber and produce at any public fairs or exhibitions in India and elsewhere ; and

(b) if so, whether a list of the articles exhibited is available, how and where ?

A.—(i) A list^a of the more important forest trees and forest produce that can be so used is appended.

(ii) (a) Yes. The publications are “ Short Notes on Madras Timbers ” and “ The Common Commercial Timbers of India and their uses”. The publications of the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, also contain such information. Exhibitions have been made at—

(1) The Park Fair and Exhibition, Madras, for the last three years during Christmas.

^a Printed as Appendix VII on pages 942-943 infra.

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- (2) Sale depot at the Friend-in-need Society, Women's Workshop, Mount Road.
- (3) Gass Forest Museum, Madras Forest College, Coimbatore.
- (4) Publicity Exhibition of the Railway Board, Delhi, 1929.
- (5) The New Museum at Dehra Dun.
- (6) The Canadian National Exhibition.
- (7) The Wembley Exhibition, London
- (b) Yes. It is available with the Forest Utilization Officer, Chepauk, Madras.

Irrigation

Utilization of adult prisoners for the Mettur project.

* 1777 Q.—MR. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state why no able-bodied adult prisoners were not till now utilized in the Mettur project, minor canal excavations and other head works in accordance with provisions of the Jail Manual and Financial Code?

A.—Under rule 393 of the Jail Manual "convicts shall not be employed in association with free labourers" and convict labour alone would not provide sufficient labourers. Nor would the expense of building a special jail for a limited period have been justified.

Land Revenue

Appointments to the Board of Revenue.

* 1778 Q.—DIWAN BAHADUR P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the communal Government Order is observed in making appointments in the Board of Revenue;

(b) whether it is a fact that men after attaining 55 years of age are kept on as first assistants in the gazetted appointments;

(c) what are the extraordinary circumstances justifying such retentions;

(d) what is the nature of duties entrusted to them;

(e) why the portfolios of members of the Board of Revenue were re-distributed and a notification published under the Board of Revenue Amendment Act, 1894, justifying such re-distribution;

(f) whether these members of the Board of Revenue attend regularly their offices between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. as in the case of other Government officers and if so from what date?

A—(a) The hon. Member presumably refers to G.O. No. 712, Public, dated 2nd July 1929. The general rules in this Government Order will not apply to a subordinate service until special rules for it are issued. No special rules for the subordinate service of the Board's office have been issued yet.

(b) & (c) There is only one first assistant in the Board's office. The Government have no information whether the post has been held by men of over 55 years of age.

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- (d) The first assistant is in charge of the routine administration of the Board's office. He is also the head of a section.
- (e) The object of the redistribution was to effect a more equal division of work between the Member for Land Revenue and the Member for Land Revenue and Settlement.
- (f) The Government have not the information.

Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU :—“ With reference to answer to (b) and (c) will the Government call for the information ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ I do not think that it is necessary to call for the information as under rule 56 the Assistant Secretaries may be retained in service until they are sixty years old, if there is no reason why they should not be kept in service.”

Local Boards

Proposed dissolution of the Gobichettipalayam Taluk Board.

* 1779 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued a memorandum, dated 16th January 1930, calling upon the Taluk Board of Gobichettipalayam to show cause why it should not be dissolved ;

(b) if so, the grounds for taking such a proceeding ;

(c) whether it is not a fact that the said Board passed the budget for the year 1930-31, unanimously on 20th January 1930 ;

(d) whether a resolution was passed by the said Board on 17th January 1930 stating that serious party differences existed in the Board which hampered the work of the Board ;

(e) the facts, if any, which show that the administration of the said Board so suffered or was hampered as to justify the action taken by the Government ;

(f) whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to lay on the table all the correspondence relating to this matter which passed between the Government and the President of the District Board of Coimbatore ; the Government and the President of the Taluk Board ; and the President of the District Board and the President of the Taluk Board, and such other papers as are relevant to this question ;

(g) whether the Inspector of Local Boards was instructed to inspect the affairs of this Taluk Board and report whether the administration in any way suffered in consequence of the party spirit prevailing in it and if not, why not ; and

(h) whether at any time before 16th January 1930 any fault was found with the administration of this Board, and disclosed in the administration and audit reviews ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) It was brought to Government's notice that faction was rampant in the Board seriously affecting its administration and its competence.